

Chapter 8

THE FIRST DOCUMENTED REPORT

1981

On February 1, seven days into Betty's second hospital stay, she and Vickie each made an audio tape recording describing the ordeal. It was at the urging of friends and hospital workers alike that they borrowed a recorder and made the first documented report of the incident.

Kathy Schuessler transcribed the exact text of that recording, as follows:

Statement by Betty Cash:

"This is Betty Cash. On December the 29th, approximately about 9:30, 9 to 9:30, a friend of mine and her grandson had been to Cleveland to try to play bingo. On our return home we faced an object.

We came through New Caney, came out, went to eat. I never felt better. I had no illnesses, none whatever. We took a short cut back through to Dayton. It was the Huffman and New Caney road. And at this time we had spotted something in the air that was long, that looked like the sky had just split open. In fact, I thought the world was coming to an end. It was bright, the lights were bright. And there was a lot of heat coming from this object.

We stopped and tried to see what it looked like. We could not get up close enough to detect what the figure was. Or I couldn't at

least, the lights were too bright in my eyesight. So, I stood with my arms on the win- on the door- and on the top of the car trying to see. But at this time the heat was too intense so I got back into the car. I started the car up and at about the same time this object went up into the sky and it was red and lit up all over. It looked like just the whole sky was open and lit. But there was quite a few helicopters circling around. I don't know whether they were trying to get around it or up closer to it or what, to see maybe what it was.

I got back into the car and the car was so hot it was unreal. It was just like you had run it into an oven. When we got to the corner of 1960 and this Huffman-Crosby road we had a stop sign. We stopped and waited for traffic - which was none or any that we were paying that much attention to. We were too busy watching the object.

But at this time I counted 23 helicopters, around and about the object. They were far away but yet they were low enough and we set there and watched them 'til they got over the car because I wanted to make sure if it was airplanes or if it was helicopters, which it was helicopters. I counted 23 of them. I don't know what color they were, I can't say. But I do know that they had a double deal on the top, propeller-like thing. And I could hear 'em just as plain as if they were right ready to land, and at this time I turned left on 1960 and went into New Caney - I mean Dayton.

I let Vickie and her grandson out and I went on home which took maybe 20 to 30 minutes. And I had big knots coming up on the back of my neck and on my head. I was just deathly sick.

Well, I went to be thinking well, y'know, that I might be taking the flu. I had no idea what was the cause of it because I felt so good that day. But the next morning I tried to get out of bed to get a drink of water and I wasn't even able to get out of bed. Every time I touched my head it was just like it was, I was coming unglued.

Well, I stayed there 'till Vickie got off that afternoon. She came down and got me water and milk and things for the day. When she

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**BETTY CASH'S WRITTEN DESCRIPTION
OF THE UFO EVENT FOR PARKWAY
HOSPITAL RECORDS**

My eyes are still burning. My vision is not clear. It, it feels as though I've got a skim over my eyes. I went to an eye doctor. He said that he could not tell if it was, uh, an overdose of radiation at this time or not. That it would be real, uh, a little early in order for him to tell, that it would take some time.

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Statement by Vickie Landrum:

She got out of the car and stood for I don't know how long and my son and me go out on the other side and stayed for only a minute or two. For the little boy which has just turned seven was screaming and about to have a heart attack. So I got back in the car and took him in my arms. I told him it might be Jesus coming after us. If he saw a Man not to be afraid, He would be coming to carry us to a much better place. The whole road ahead and around it glowing as if by fire. I believe it was fire because it glowed down and let up a little. Or if it was, as if it was, it was coming from an old object up above.